

Poynting Vector and Poynting theorem :-

The rate at which energy is transmitted through unit area perpendicular to the direction of propagation of electromagnetic wave is called Poynting vector.

It is represented by $\vec{S}$.

The cross product of $\vec{E}$ (electric vector) and magnetic vector $\vec{H}$ is known as Poynting vector.

$$\vec{S} = \vec{E} \times \vec{H}$$

Poynting Vector measures the electrical power per unit area and S.I unit is Watt/m^2 .

$$\vec{E} \times \vec{H} = \frac{\text{Volt}}{\text{length}} \times \frac{\text{Current}}{\text{length}} = \frac{\text{Power}}{\text{area}}$$

Poynting theorem :-

As the electromagnetic wave propagates from one point to another point, there is a transfer of energy. To find the flow of energy in the direction of propagation, we take the divergence of $\vec{S}$.

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{H})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\therefore \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) = B(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) - \vec{E}(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[\vec{B}(\nabla \times \vec{E}) - \vec{E}(\nabla \times \vec{B}) \right]$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[B \left(-\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \right) - \vec{E} \left(\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \right]$$

$$\therefore \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \quad (\text{Maxwell (3) \& (4) eqn in free space})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} = -\frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[B \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \vec{E} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right]$$

$$\text{But } B \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial E^2}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} = -\frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} + \frac{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}{2} \frac{\partial E^2}{\partial t} \right]$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} = -\frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[\frac{1}{2} \mu_0^2 \frac{\partial H^2}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E^2}{\partial t} \right]$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 H^2 + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 \right]$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 H^2 = \text{Magnetic energy per unit volume}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 = \text{Electric energy per unit volume}$$

Taking Volume integration both the side we get

$$\int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} \, dv = \int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) \, dv = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \left[\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 H^2 + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 \right] \, dv$$

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) dV = -\frac{\partial W}{\partial t}$$

W is the net energy contained in the volume of electromagnetic wave.

Using Gauss divergence theorem in L.H.S we get

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) dV = \int_S (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) \cdot d\vec{S}$$

hence

$$\int_S (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) \cdot d\vec{S} = -\frac{\partial W}{\partial t}$$

Rate of transmission energy through unit area S gives the rate of flow of energy per unit volume of the surface or power flow per unit area of the surface.

Electromagnetic wave propagation in free space:-

An electromagnetic wave is a wave of oscillation of electric and magnetic field in mutually perpendicular plane and these oscillations are perpendicular to the direction of propagation of wave.

In region of free space where there is no charge or current, Maxwell's equations read as -

$$(i) \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad (ii) \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad (iii) \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad (iv) \nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

Apply curl in equⁿ (iii) we get -

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}) = -\nabla \times \left(\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right)$$

using vector product rule we get -

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \vec{B})$$

using equⁿ (i) and (iv) we get

$$-\nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{--- (v)}$$

Now apply curl to equⁿ (iv)

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{B}) = \nabla \times \left(\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{B}) - \nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \vec{E})$$

using equⁿ (ii) and (iii) we get

$$-\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(-\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{--- (vi)}$$

Equⁿ (5) and (6) are the plane electromagnetic wave equⁿ governing electromagnetic field $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ in free space.

The equⁿ (5) and (6) are identical in form. The general form of these equⁿ may be written as

$$\nabla^2 u = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{--- (vii)}$$

where u be the scalar and vector product quantity.

The well known eqnⁿ of a wave propagating with a velocity v is given by

$$\nabla^2 u - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

Comparing eqnⁿ (7) and (8) shows that the fields vector $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ are propagated in free space as wave speed equal to

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Wb/Am}) (0.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2)}}$$

$$v = 2.99 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec} = c = \text{velocity of light}$$

hence electromagnetic wave propagate with the speed of light or the velocity of the electromagnetic wave in vacuum is

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

From this revolutionizing result, we conclude that light is an electromagnetic wave.

Substituting $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = c$ in eqnⁿ (5) and (6) we get -

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{B} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

and general solution of equⁿ:-

$$\nabla^2 u - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

Transverse nature of light or solution of electromagnetic wave:-

We know that plane electromagnetic wave indicates electromagnetic field $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ in free space-

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

and

$$\nabla^2 \vec{B} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Solution of above equⁿ -

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = E_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r} - i\omega t} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) = B_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r} - i\omega t} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

where $\omega = 2\pi\nu$ and $k = 2\pi/\lambda$

In free space

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad \& \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

From equⁿ (3) taking divergence both the side -

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \nabla \cdot (E_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r} - i\omega t})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) (E_0 e^{i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - i \omega t}) \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

But $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} = (\hat{i} k_x + \hat{j} k_y + \hat{k} k_z) \cdot (ix + jy + kz)$

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} = (x k_x + y k_y + z k_z)$$

Equⁿ ⑦ becomes -

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \left(i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (i E_{0x} + j E_{0y} + k E_{0z}) e^{i(x k_x + y k_y + z k_z - \omega t)}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [E_{0x} e^{i(x k_x + y k_y + z k_z - \omega t)}] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [E_{0y} e^{i(x k_x + y k_y + z k_z - \omega t)}] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [E_{0z} e^{i(x k_x + y k_y + z k_z - \omega t)}]$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = E_{0x} e^{i(x k_x + y k_y + z k_z - \omega t)} (i k_x) + E_{0y} e^{i(x k_x + y k_y + z k_z - \omega t)} (i k_y) + E_{0z} e^{i(x k_x + y k_y + z k_z - \omega t)} (i k_z)$$

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$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = i (k_x E_{0x} + k_y E_{0y} + k_z E_{0z}) e^{i(x k_x + y k_y + z k_z - \omega t)}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = i (k_x E_{0x} + k_y E_{0y} + k_z E_{0z}) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = i (\hat{i} k_x + \hat{j} k_y + \hat{k} k_z) \cdot (\hat{i} E_{0x} + \hat{j} E_{0y} + \hat{k} E_{0z}) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

for free space, Maxwell's first equⁿ -

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

Comparing equⁿ (8) and (9) we get -

$$i (\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}) = 0$$

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Proceeding in the same manner, we shall get -

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad \& \quad \vec{k} \cdot \vec{H} = 0$$

So $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{H}$ are perpendicular to the direction of propagation of electromagnetic wave.

Velocity of propagation of electromagnetic wave -

We know that the well known equⁿ of a wave propagating with a velocity v is given by -

$$\nabla^2 u - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

and the general equⁿ of wave propagation is

$$\nabla^2 u - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

Comparing both the equⁿ

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{v^2}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12}}}$$

$$v = 2.99 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec} = c$$

hence electromagnetic wave propagate with the speed of light in vacuum.

$$\text{So } c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

⇒ Show that at every instant, the ratio of electric field and magnetic field of em wave is equal to speed of light c

The simultaneously sinusoidally varying electric and magnetic field of electromagnetic wave are given as-

$$E = E_0 \cos(kx - \omega t) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$B = B_0 \cos(kx - \omega t) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

where E_0 and B_0 are the maximum value of electric and magnetic fields associated with em wave

$$\frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{2\pi f}{2\pi/\lambda} = f\lambda = c \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where c is the velocity of light

Taking partial differentiation of equⁿ ① and ② we get -

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = -k E_0 \sin(kx - \omega t) \quad \text{--- ④}$$

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = -\omega B_0 \sin(kx - \omega t) \quad \text{--- ⑤}$$

According to Faraday's law

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$$

$$-k E_0 \sin(kx - \omega t) = -\omega B_0 \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$k E_0 = \omega B_0$$

$$\frac{E_0}{B_0} = \frac{\omega}{k} \quad \text{--- ⑥}$$

from equⁿ ③ and ⑥ we get -

$$\frac{E_0}{B_0} = c \quad \text{--- ⑦}$$

Considering equⁿ ① ② and ⑦ we get -

$$\boxed{\frac{E}{B} = \frac{E_0}{B_0} = c}$$